

Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning

A guide to entering the Doctoral Program in Teaching and Learning at the University of South Carolina.



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What will I study?

You will study a variety of topics in six major components, listed to the right. The program is flexible enough so that you can tailor the program of studies to your interests. For example, if you are interested in science education, you can take courses in this area for your cognate and electives. Your research and teaching internships can also be directed in this area. Students in the Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning program focus on a wide variety of areas such as early childhood, elementary, middle, secondary, higher education, science, mathematics, literacy or social studies. Often, students take coursework both inside and outside the college of Education to best prepare themselves for their respective careers.

*Examples of typical course work. Consult the Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning Handbook for additional information.

What kind of work will I be able to do?

As a graduate of the program, you will be prepared to teach and perform research at the college level. You will also be able to work in leadership positions (e.g., schools, districts, Department of Education) related to teaching and learning in your respective fields. Some graduates chose to do post-doctoral studies in their chosen areas of focus.

What kind of research will I be able to do?

Depending on your research focus, you will be able to do quantitative, qualitative or mixed-methodological studies. Most students choose to do applied research which focuses on studying issues, programs, relating to educational settings or students, etc. Some students may not be required to complete research.

Will I be able to specialize?

Absolutely! This is one of the appealing aspects of the Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning. In addition to general course requirements, you can choose courses based on your interests.

What is the application process like?

In addition to the Graduate School's application requirements, applicants must submit a letter of intent. Applicants who meet program criteria will also be interviewed by a committee of faculty members.

Six Major Components*



Area of Specialization

which includes pedagogical content knowledge, teaching and learning, and curriculum.
27 Hours



Research

12 Hours in Educational Research



Dissertation

12 Hours



Cognate

9 Hours



Internship

6 Hours



Electives



The Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning prepares you to enter academia by exploring the complex relationship between teaching and learning and their various disciplines across grade levels. For more information, consult the Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning Handbook or visit us online.



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